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SUBJECT: ORAL MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY ON IRAQI POLITICAL
TRANSITION DELIVERED TO YEMENI FM QIRBI

REF: A. USUN 2953

[1](#)B. SECSTATE 321138

Classified By: CDA Alan G. Misenheimer. Reason: 1.5(b,d)

[1](#)1. (C) On November 22, Charge, accompanied by Pol/Econ Chief, called on FM Qirbi to deliver ref b oral message. Qirbi said he was "very encouraged" by the U.S. statements on Iraq, and that he viewed the program for transition as a "preliminary roadmap" that he hoped would gain momentum and shift the focus in Iraq from the military sphere to the political.

[1](#)2. (C) FM Qirbi recommended that the U.S. provide logistical support for the Iraqi Governing Council to control the security situation, as Iraq could enlist the help of other Arab and Muslim states if it were clear that Iraqis had assumed responsibility for maintaining security. He added that he would like to see a clearer role for the United Nations. In that regard, Charge promised to send Qirbi text of AMB Negroponte's excellent 11/21 statement (ref a).
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